

whose Life Has made an important difference to people Everywhere, especially in their own communities; and

Whereas, Such persons serve as role models and an Inspiration to people at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Dame Billie, a national of the independent nation of Barbados in the Caribbean, is unquestionably such a major contributor; and

Whereas, Dame Billie Miller is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for service to Barbados, the Caribbean and the international community, serving as a member of her nation's parliament for more than 25 years; Deputy Prime Minister for almost a decade; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade since 1994; was the first woman to sit in the cabinet of Barbados, for several years was the only woman serving as an attorney at the private Bar of Barbados, and holds the distinction of being the first woman to be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association since its establishment in 1911; and

Whereas, Dame Billie, one of the Caribbean's longest Serving cabinet ministers, was President of the 32nd Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States in 2002; was Chairman of the Inter-American Development Bank's Advisory Council on Women and Development in the Western Hemisphere; and in 1998 was President of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States Council of Ministers and is the current chairman of the Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development in the Western Hemisphere; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we salute and commend Dame Billie Miller for her distinguished and unblemished record of service to humanity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on November 7, 2005, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 570–572. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on H. Con. Res. 260, a resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's promulgation of *Nostra Aetate*; “aye” on H.R. 1973, the Water for the Poor Act of 2005; and “aye” on H. Res. 444, the Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education.

HONORING DR. KENNY ANTHONY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, this coming weekend, between November 10 and 13, I and more than 20 of our colleagues in the House will be meeting and participating in the 10th annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference sponsored by the New York Carib News in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where we will be enjoying the hospitality of Carib News publishers Karl and Faye Rodney

and Delegate DONNA CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN. Over the last decade the conference has brought together elected officials, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, and executives of major corporations to explore opportunities for growth and expansion in the emerging markets and developing economies of the Caribbean. The conference has significantly contributed to the building of closer working relationships and personal ties between Caribbean leadership and the Members of Congress who have participated. As we approach this year's conference, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding Caribbean leader, Dr. Kenny Anthony, the Prime Minister of St. Lucia by placing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the text of a proclamation to be awarded at the conference:

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. KENNY ANTHONY, PRIME MINISTER, ST. LUCIA

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose leadership, scholarship and total life's work have helped to transform people's lives for the better, especially in their own countries and region; and

Whereas, Such committed leaders are reliable foundations on which sustained economic growth and human development are built, paving the way for a better standard of living for all, particularly the poor, and are therefore an inspiration to people at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Dr. Kenny, a national and Prime Minister of the independent nation of St. Lucia is obviously one such leader and a dedicated public servant; and

Whereas, Dr. Kenny Anthony, an attorney and recognized legal expert with graduate degrees in law, including a PhD from the University of Birmingham in England, is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for his service to his country of birth, the wider Caribbean community and developing nations generally, serving as head of Government in St. Lucia at a time when the country has gained international recognition for its pace of human development; is the Caribbean Community, Caricom, lead Prime Minister on governance and jurisprudence; and

Whereas, The Prime Minister has led St. Lucia with distinction for almost a decade while directing much of the work on the historic creation of the Caribbean Court of Justice and showing the world that St. Lucia which has given the world 2 Nobel Prize winners, one in economics and the other in literature is contributing even more to the improvement of the human condition and that a small nation can be a showcase of talent and intellect while being an example when it comes to adhering to the rule of law and parliamentary democracy; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we salute and commend Dr. Kenny Anthony for his distinguished and unblemished record of service to humanity and for his leadership on the national and international stages, within Caricom and the countries which belong to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

REMEMBERING MS. ROSA PARKS

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I join the entire Nation today in mourning the death of Ms.

Rosa Parks. This humble woman showed how a single act, the refusal to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, could change the course of history. Her actions helped spark the civil rights movement, inspiring leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., and led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Ms. Parks' courage in an era marked by racial tension and hatred is still an example to us today. Indeed, we are all indebted to Ms. Parks for helping move this country toward one in which all men and women—black, Latino, Asian, Native American, white—can take their rightful place in society.

Ms. Parks' commitment to justice did not end with the civil rights movement. She went on to co-found the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development to help young adults attain a higher education, register to vote, and work toward racial harmony.

In recognition of a lifetime of achievement, Ms. Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999. She is also the first woman in history to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda, which is a testament to her enormous impact on our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, I join all Americans in mourning the passing of Ms. Rosa Parks. Though we are saddened by this loss, we are mindful of the fact that through her life she made our country a better place, and through her memory we will never forget the importance of justice and equality for all Americans.

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